

Capitol for a ceremony commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of the integration of the United States Armed Forces.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. LEVIN. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 377) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 443, H.R. 3564.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3564) to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a Coburn amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5065) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the authorization of appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011)

On page 2, lines 6 through 8, strike "\$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$3,300,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$3,400,000 for fiscal year 2010, and \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2011" and insert "\$3,200,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$3,200,000 for fiscal year 2010, and \$3,200,000 for fiscal year 2011".

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 3564), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees,

boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 474, 510, 517, 518, 582, 592, 594, 611, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 667 to and including 682, all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, NOAA, Marine Corps and Navy, and that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from consideration of PN 1815, Lyndon L. Olson, and the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of PN 568, Elizabeth A. Duke, and the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of PN 1501, Constance Barker, and the Senate proceed en bloc to their consideration; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc, that no further motions be in order; provided further that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Simon Charles Gros, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. (New Position)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (political-military Affairs).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

James B. Cunningham, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Israel.

T. Vance McMahan, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

T. Vance McMahan, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

IN THE NAVY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624.

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Donald E. Gaddis

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Paraguay.

John R. Beyrle, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Russian Federation.

Asif J. Chaudhry, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova.

James Culbertson, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

David F. Girard-diCarlo, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Austria.

John Melvin Jones, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kosovo.

Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Lezlee J. Westine, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.